

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Executive</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>11 September 2014</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Car Parking Tariff Review in Totnes</b>
<b>Report of</b>	<b>Street Scene Manager</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	<b>Totnes Town &amp; Totnes Bridgetown</b>

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**Summary of report:**

This report makes a recommendation in respect of Pay & Display tariffs in Totnes car parks.

**Financial implications:**

It is anticipated that the changes will have no impact on the level of income received from the car parks.

There is a cost of implementing the changes to the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order of approximately £1,200, which will be met by the service budget and will be reduced by adding this amendment to other amendments already in progress.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Executive resolves to **RECOMMEND** to Council that:

1. Tariffs, as detailed in Appendix 1 be implemented in car parks in Totnes.
2. In addition, that the South Hams District Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order be updated to reflect this change.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Following a request from Totnes Town Council, work was undertaken with a group of representatives from the town to review the current parking arrangements in order to provide a parking service which will encourage higher footfall in the town.

## **2. PROPOSAL DETAILS**

- 2.1 The town were keen to simplify charges and round them off to whole pounds, whilst also making the three hour tariff more attractive in order to encourage more visitors to stay for three hours rather than the currently mostly-used two hour stay.
- 2.2 New tariffs were designed in consultation with the community to offer an overall solution which enhances the service for customers without increasing the overall net cost of parking within Totnes.
- 2.2 The elimination of the overnight fee was requested and has been accommodated within the new proposed tariffs, with the loss of this income being compensated by the tariff changes. Charges would be payable from 8am to 6pm each day and, In place of the overnight tariff, machines would be programmed so that Pay & Display tickets run into the following day, eg if a two hour ticket was purchased at 5pm, the expiry time would be 9am on the following day. This makes the tariffs simpler and easier to understand by customers.
- 2.3 In addition, and as requested by the town, Heath's Nursery car park will swap from being a long-stay car park to short-stay and the Nursery car park will swap from being a short-stay car park to long-stay.
- 2.4 In order to support the vitality of the town, and encourage alternatives to car use, free coach parking was requested and has been included as part of the overall proposals. This loss of income has been included in the modelling and has been compensated by the changes to car parking tariffs.
- 2.5 The proposed charges are detailed in Appendix 1.

## **3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council has power to provide off-street parking under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).
- 3.2 The Council has the power to deal with the provision, management and control of car parks.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 It is anticipated that the changes will have no impact on the level of income received from the car parks.
- 4.2 There is a cost of implementing the changes to the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order of approximately £1,200, which will be met by the service budget and will also be reduced by adding this amendment to other amendments already in progress.

## 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	Community well-being Access to services Towards excellence Customer first
<b>Statutory powers:</b>	As stated in paragraph 3
<b>Considerations of equality and human rights:</b>	An equality impact assessment has been carried out and, as a result, no further actions are required.
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	None
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	None
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	None
<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices attached:</b>	Appendix 1 Car Park Tariffs

## STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status				Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Objections from customers	Customers may object to this change to the Off-Street Parking Places Order	2	1	2	↓	This proposed change to the Off-Street Parking Places Order will be subject to a formal notice, followed by a 21-day public consultation period.	C Aubertin

Direction of travel symbols ↓ ↑